



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 02, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe

MINUTES

NOTICE/MINUTES

Call to order/Verification of Attendance

PRESENT

Mayor Staci Mitchell

Polk Brian

Morgan Buxton

Thom Hamilton

Rodney Welch

Ben Westerburg

The meeting was opened with prayer by Trenton Baptist Church Pastor Lamar Anderson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by WMHS drum major Halen McDaniel.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Westerburg.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Recognitions/Presentations

Proclamation to Plunk's Wrecker Service for their 75th Anniversary of servicing the City of West Monroe as well as the community members.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5342: Ordinance to approve a two-year extension of the existing Ambulance Services Agreement with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc under the Ouachita Parish Uniform Ambulance Service Ordinance.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5343: Ordinance to authorize the publication of Notice of Intention to establish the West Monroe Riverfront Economic Development District, and to set its boundaries; and to publish notice of intention to levy a sales tax within the District.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Brian.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance 5344: Ordinance to annex property located at 118 N. Hilton Street (Parcel #101491), West Monroe. Bah Nathan Village, LTD, applicant. Received a **favorable** recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5345: Ordinance to rezone property located at 4326 Cypress Street, West Monroe, from O-L (Open Land) District to B-3 (General Business) District. Assessor parcel #20737 & #20738. Billy Ransom Golson and Sara H. Golson, applicant. Received a **favorable** recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5346: Ordinance to rezone property located at 801 Wilson Street, West Monroe, from B-1 (Transitional Business) District to B-3 (General Business) District. Assessor parcel #38379. Allied Southern Inc, applicant. Received a **favorable** recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

PUBLIC WORKS

Ordinance 5347: Ordinance to authorize City to enter into a Maintenance Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Engineering - mowing and litter pickup (Max. reimbursement \$29,055.00).

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5348: Ordinance to authorize City to enter into a Maintenance Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development - traffic signal maintenance (28 signal lights at \$800.00 per signal/per year).

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Constitution Drive: Infrastructure Improvements to a Commercial Parkway Project (CIF)(DRA) - City Project #000311

Ordinance 5349: Ordinance to authorize an application for a States' Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) grant from the Delta Regional Authority for the project "Constitution Drive: Infrastructure Improvements to a Commercial Parkway Project" (updated estimated total project cost of \$1,148,645.63, with the requested grant amount being \$858,306.63 and a \$290,339.00 contribution by the City - 25% of the total project cost).

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Natchitoches Street Cross Drain Replacement - City Project #C23007

Authorize Change Order No. 1 (+ \$3,741.00; 0 days) with Bentz Construction Group, LLC.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Natchitoches Street Cross Drain Replacement - City Project #C23007

Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion with Bentz Construction Group, LLC.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Welch.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Highland School Area Sidewalks - State Project #H.015216 - City Project #000134

Ordinance to authorize execution of an amendment to the contract with S.E. Huey Co. for Engineering Services. --NO ACTION TAKEN--

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ADD-ON: Ordinance to accept low bid from Amethyst Construction and authorize construction contract.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Buxton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Highland School Area Sidewalks - State Project #H.015216 - City Project #000134

Ordinance 5350: Ordinance to accept the low bid of \$486,550.50 from Amethyst Construction, Inc, and authorize notification of acceptance to LaDOTD; and to authorize execution of the construction contract in accordance with the plans, specifications, and other bid documents.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Buxton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

McMillan Road Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Improvements - City Project #CP0087

Review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and if project is awarded, approve Ordinance to accept that bid, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with that bidder. --NO BIDS RECEIVED--

Phillips St Water Main Improvements - (CWEF FY2021-2022) - City Project #000201

Ordinance 5351: Review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and if project is awarded, Ordinance to accept awarded bid, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with the low bidder (TAC Agency, Inc. - \$89,425.00).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Project Updates

Robbie L. George, IV, P.E. (S.E. Huey Co.) and Joshua D. Hays, P.E., M.S.C.E. (Lazenby & Associates, Inc.) presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage and more.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Buxton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

ATTEST:


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CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR